

HERGÉ THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

THE BROKEN EAR





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The Arumbaya tribe

























The loss was discover ed this morning by a museum attendant. It is believed the thief must have hidden in the gallery overnight and slippe overnight and slippe out when the staff arrived for work. No evidence of a break-in has been found...



Come on Snowy!



Now, to recapitulate...You say the attendant locked the doors last night at 1712 hours; he noticed nothing unusual. He came on duly this morning at seven. At 0714 he observed that exhibit No. 3542 was missing and immediately

raised the alarm.
Right:...Now thisattendant: ishe reliable:

Absolutely! Above suspicion! He's been with us for over twelve years and never given the least cause for complaint

Besides, the fetish has no intrinsic value. In my judgement, it would interest to a collector ...



Great snakes! The Thompsons!

Have you any leads? Well, the Arumbaya fetish has no in...er... no instinc-tive value...The solution is quite simple: it was re-

moved by a collector. To be precise: it was ed by a re-

later ... This is the book I'm sure it has something abou the Arumi

I therefore mude



Aha! This is interesting... Listen, Snowy. "Today we met our first Arumbayas, Long, black, oily hair framed their coffee-coloured faces. They were armed with long blowpipes which they employ to shoot darts poisoned with curare You hear that, Snowy?





... Curare! ... the terrible vegetable poison which paralyses one's breathing!... Oh! "Arumbaya fetish"...But... but...it's the very one that's been stolen!



Odd coincidence, don't you think, Snowy?... Snowy isn't interest-ed... he's gone to sleep .. I think I'll follow suit.



The next morning.









Yes, who is that? ... Oh, it's you, Fred... What? The fetish?...My goodness me! ['1] come at once ...



Extraordinary! There was the fetish this morning, back in its usual place, with this letter propped up beside it... What do you _____think?

In my opinion, gentle men, the fetish bewitched!

Dear Director.

I bet a friend I could pinch something from your museum .

I won my bet, so here's your fetich back. Please for give my foolishness, and any trouble

I have caused. Sincerely, X







Here's the proof.

Walker, the explorer



.. the right ear of the









But on the reinstated fetish the but on the reinstatea retien the right ear is intact. So it must be a copy... Now, who would be interested in acquiring the real one? A collector? Quite possibly... Anyway, let's see what the press has to say





FATAL OVERSIGHT A strong smell of gas alerted residents this morning at 21 London Road. They sent for the police who effected an en-try to the room occupied by artist Jacob Balthazar, Officers discovered the eculptor lying on his bed; he was found to be dead. It appears that jving on his bed; he was found to be dead, it appears that the victim had forgotten to turn off the tap on his gas-ring. By some chance his appearance of the control of t





Yes, this is it. Ooh, sir, what a tragedy!...Such what a tragedy:...Such a polite gentleman!...And all that learning!...May-be he wasn't all that regular with the rent, but he always paid it in the end. And such a way with animals! A parrot three white mice

ануоне... Of course...I was wondering if I might look at Mr. Balthazar's room that's what he had see

I'm minding the parrot for the time being. But I can't keep it. So If you know of

I'll take you up. Such a character he was... sniff...]
can still see him... his ever-lasting black velvet suit,
and that big hat... And all
that smoking! A pipe in his
mouth all day long,
he had. But he never





This is where we found him ... swiff... They had to send for a locksmith... the door was locked from the inside... The gas was whistling out of the ring





You knew Mr. Balthazar well? Er...that's to say... not intimately



Great snakes!...



A very funny accident!...The gas was whistling out of the ring So, if the tap was on when Bal thazar went to bed he'd have heard it. Unless he was drunk; but he never touched drink. Therefore someone turned the tap on after the sculptor was dead, since the gas wasn't strong enough to kill the parrot. And that someone was wearing something made of grey flannel and smok-

ing a cigarette ...

...witness the piece of cloth and the cigarette end, which couldn't have belonged to the victim: he only smoked a pipe, and he wore a velvet suit. So Mr. Balthazar was murder ed. He was murdered because he'd probably made a replica of the Arumbaya fetish for someone. And someone didn't want him to talk ... Someone?... Someone? ... can that 'someone

be?...How can I find out?





Excuse me, but I've been thinking. I'll buy Mr. Bal-thazar's parrot.



If you'd only been two min-utes sooner! I just sold it. The gentleman who bought it was here a moment ago; you must have passed him.



Look, there he goes! You see the gentleman with a par cel under his arm? That's him



Let's hope he'llagree to resell it to me.





Hey, you!...D'you always behave like that? Let me tell you, I'm not used to being insulted! Perdone, Señor.











Estúpido! Imbécil! Great greedy-guts! Look what you do: my beautiful parrot ees escapado! Ees perdido!











































Let's have a



It's him all right! I can't thank you enough. You wouldn't believe



Now, I want to hear Polly run through his part: "What the parrot saw." But first...



... I need to buy a cage. Look after that box, Snowy. I'll be back in a few minutes.

















Here, have you noticed?...There are two advertisements: and no one has brought back the parrot. It makes me wonder...is someone on the track of of Balthagra's killer?...Anymny, it's an address to remember: 26 Labrador Road.























































Faithful unto death: a loving pet! Last night the occupants of 21 London Road, awakened by strange noises, found . . .









I give up. We'll have to walk.















Yes, he deliberate ly swerved to



I managed to get his num-ber...Wait...169...Yes, 169 MW...That's it. 169 MW. You'll have to ask the police..





...I tell you, if that idiot hadn't warned him I'd have settled his hash!







That's it... 169 MW... Doctor Eugene Trebblebob, 120 Minstrel's Way... Good!







Wrong number!... That man who told me can't have seen it clearly...













Three! Presto .. MW 691!



Now then... MW 691 ... Alonso Perez, engineer, Sunny Bank, Freshfield ... Not far from here to Freshfield Let's 90!































Fetish! Fetish! Alinfierno















lying crook!...Pretending to the a doctor on a study trip to Europe... But all he wanted was to steal the fetish...and the swine succeeded. By getting rid of Baltbarar, he thought he'd covered his tracks but he recknowd without our Feathered Friend!... We got his address. I'm going to fix a meeting, He won't suspect anything...



Hello?...Is that

the Hotel Liberty? ... May I speak to Mr. Tortilla.

Mr. Tortilla? ...
I'm so sorry, but
we's gone si-...Ves,
to South America
... Yes, he went to
Le Havre, he sailed at midday...
The boat? ... It was
called "Vile ed
Lyon"





...next bulletin at eleven o'clock ... Now here is some late shipping news...

Do we have to keep listening to that wretched radio?

The strike of dockworkers at the French port of Le Havre has spread today. More than a dozen ships are now delayed. Among vessels not expected to sail before midnight tomorrow is the "Ville de Lyon", beaund for South America ...











































Madre! Ees close theeng... And to think I meess heem as well! ...Ees your fault. You weeth your "Leetle more to the left"!



Well, it's the first time you landed where you aimed... Ignaed where you aimed. Anyway, it's probably a good thing you didn't hit him, since it wasn't Tintin!



Ees right. But I could Swear eet ees heem... Only hees voice when he shout ees not

heem.



Next morning ... You are ready? We now go to work weeth thees leettle old man ...



Ees heem! He spy on us! O.K., let's see. We'll follow him





No, not that way. We aren't sure it's him. I've a better idea: come with me ...









Steady!...You're nearly there ... A little to the right... Gently...Back a bit...That's it!... Now!











Now we're sure Tintin isn't aboard we can really get down to finding Tortilla





Thanks...] see you're up bright and early. Not like some I could mention... Take your fellow countryman in cabin 17...Never shows his nose outside the



He says he is, but I don't believe a word of it. Anyway, he hasn't left his cabin since he sailed... Has all his meals there... Well, cheers!





And sou'll never believe it ...
Lusts between the treeze is us.
Lusts peasenger...sart a man
int a woman...but...an ometaze

Ha! ha! ha! Now wait for it ... D'you know why? ... Because he's called Tortilla, and in Spanish tortilla means...



Got to go now... If the Captain sees me here I'll catch it...And you wouldn't want to drop me in the drink, eh?



That was a good one...drop in the drink...Get it?



Thanks to that nitwit we've found Tortilla... Ramón, the fetish is ours!

At last!











Next morning the ship arrives off Las Dopices capitat of the Republic of San Theodora Louth America





















Good idea of yours to meet the boat.. Excellent... But there's still the fetish...



... And that's the whole story. Look, here's the fetish they stole from the wretched Tortilla Does anything in particular strike

you about I reckon it's another fake .The right ear it? isn't broken.







A letter for Mr. Tintin, sir, A



Republic of San Theodoros Ministry of Justice Los Dopicos

The Minister presents his compliments to Mr. Tintin and compinients to Mr. Tinun and requests his presence ashore to assist in the interrogation of two suspects. Mr. Tintin is further invited to bring with him the stolen fetish. An officer will meet Mr. Tintir on shore and put himself at nis disposal



See you later! Good luck! Thanks goodbye.

Don't forget, we'll be sailing



Don't worry, I'll beback, I don't want to get stuck in this place!





All right then, that's understood. You'll pick me up here at 1900 hours

Now we just have to wait for that obliging officer to come and put him-self at my disposal!



































Still, it's not so bad. The launch from the "Ville de Lyon" is due to pick me up at seven. When I don't appear they'll go back to the ship and alert the Captain... He'll get me out easily enough.

Doesn't that dog belong to the lad they just took in? Yes, and I guess he'll have a long wait for his master.





Perdone, señor teniente. but are you waiting for a young man to take out to the "Ville de Lyon"?



Because he said to tell you not to wait for him. And here's a letter he asked me to give you ...



That's that taken care of!

There's the launch going back . They'll warn the Capt



Las Dopicos Dear Captain. as you know, I planned to continue my trip with you.

However, something new has come up concerning the sheft of the fetish, forcing, me to stay longer in Las Dopicos.

sorry if I have inco



































Comrades! The rebellion is













































Here he is, General...he was sentenced to death by General Tapioca. Our men arrived just as the firing squad were aoina to shoot him. They had their



i Muy bien! I am General Alcazar, and I need men like you! As a mark of my appreciation, I appoint you colonel aide de camp.



But...don't you think, General, it might be wiser to make him a corporal? We only have forty-nine corporals, whereas there are already three thousand four hundred and eighty-seven colonels. So...



I shall do as I like! I'm in com-mand! But since you consider we are short of corporals I will add to their number. Colonel Diaz, I appoint you corporal!



Here's your colonel's commission, young man. Now, go and get yourself kitted out. Corporal Diaz here will take you to the tailor.



A colonel's uniform for our young friend? . Excellent! I had this all ready for Colonel Fernandez, who fled with Gen-eral Tapioca...He was just the same size. And for yourself?...A corporal's outfit? I have just the thing







My career is in



I swear obedience to the laws of our society. I promise to fight against tyranny with all my strength. My watchword henceforward is the same as yours: liberty or death!

















Ah, there you are, Colonel.





































We've been taken for a ride. The fetish he had in his suitcase was a fake. But he certainly knows where the real one is. So tonight, we'll have him picked up...

























































Ees nouse to struggle so hard, amigo.































































































l pulled out my gun and fired. Ha! haha! ... Just imagine, the chap fainted... Ha! ha! ha!...And best of all, can you believe it, next day he had jaundice! ... Imagine! Jaundice!

















Next morning ...

Hello?... |s that General Alcazar's palace?...Oh,it's you, doctor, how is the gener-al?... What?... What??... JAUNDICE!!!





Jaundice, yes... Caused

















General American Dil seeks to obtain a concession to work these ficial Obviously, your government will have an interset in the profits that would accrue...





But... that would wean war!









































































Good morning, General Aleazar, Inappened to be passing the analysy our country, and though! I'd show you our latest mo, dels



Oho! This could be serious. Listen Romain, Les Dipsicos. A letachiement Of Neuro Vicinal solidings crossed into the tarritory listed treadports and posed fire on a torgiar post. Guardis returned the fire and a vicinit solidie obsisced. The Marco-Midans were fore to regir a cross the fineter, whiring susdied to regir as ross than fromeir, waving susside was a correlation of the condition post of the control of the condition of the control of the condition of the post of the condition of the condition of the condition of the condition of the post of the condition of the c

























and six dozen 75 TRGP, with





Now pay attention. It's a time bomb, with a clock. It's set to explode at exactly eleven o'clock tomorrow morning...And you'd better

1'11 succeed, chief! Liberty succeed or death!



The next morning ... General, I warned you against Colonel Tintin... against Colonel Ilmun... Look at this letter and



REPUBLIC OF NUEVO-RICO ***

SECRET

OFFICE

Dear Word Juilin. We have safely received the plans of the TSTRGP which the government of gan Theo large has just acquired. he will was be paid to you A spy! ... | Mil bombas! Planted as a spy!...The traitor! The rat! ... He'll pay dearly For this!

Hello!... Hello!... Colonel Juanitos ?...Take ten men and go and arrest Colonel Tintin at once!...Eh! What!



Meanwhile ... The explosion is set for 11 a.m. ... What's the time? ... Hello, my watch has stopped!







I'm terribly sorry Colonel Tintin, but I've been ordered to arrest you!



this morning, so all the muni cipal clocks have stopped. Go and put them right.

There's been a power cut









Yes, you can take these: they're my orders. The first concerns Colonel Tintin; he will be shot at dawn tomor row. Theother is for Corporal Diaz, my former aide de camp ve made him a colone again. He can resun



Back in gaol again! Unless I'm much mistaken, friend Trickler has cooked this one up to get rid of me.



Oh!... It won't be easy to escape...









rope ...





















































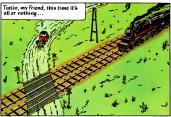
























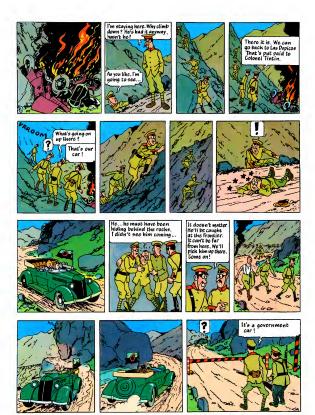














If they stop me, I'm caught... and if that's a strong barrier, I'm dead.













Hello?...Border post 31?... Patrol No.4 here...A San-Theodorian car with a mounted wachine-gun just raced past here, heading for the frontier.































"An armoured car
..."!!! This time
it's war! That's
what they want:
that's what they'll
get!















In a fortnight all the Gran Chapo will be in Nuevo-Rican hands. Then I hope you in British South-American Petrol will not forget your promises.



































Hold your fire: he's out of range. Let him go. He'll be swept over the falls...













































































He's left me !... Now I understand why
I understand why
he wanted me to buy
his canoe... So I
could go on
alone!



























A dart!... It's sure to be poisoned!... D'you remomber, Snowy?... Curare!























civilisation. I'm happy kerc among the Aruwbayas, whose IIf I I share weapons you've adopted. What was the meaning of that little space of the III I little space of the III little space of the

I just wanted you to have an unfriendly reception, to encourage you to leave at once. Believe me, if I'd wanted to kill you it wouldn't have taken more than one dart. Look, I'll prove it. You see that big flower over there?















Well, it's like this. An Arumhaya fetish in a museum in Europe, Drought back by the explorer Welker, was stolen and replaced by a copy. Institute the substitution, law other men were also on the track of the real fetish and whoever had stolen it.

I followed these two men to South America. They killed the thief on board ship and stole his fetish. But this one too was a fake. So now I'm trying to find the real fetish, and I still don't know where it is.



...Just as I still don't know what they were all after: Tortilla, the first thief, and his two killers. They all wanted the fetish, But why they wanted it is still a complete mystery. So I thought perhaps that here.















What will bey do to us? That's casy! They Lou of our heads and by a most ingerious process they il she'nk them to the size of an apple!

Ahw wada Iu'vali bahn chaco conats! Ha! ha! ha!

Just as I thought. He means our heads willsoon be added to his collection!











Meanwhile, in the Arumbaya village.

The Spirits tell me that if your son is to be cured, he must eat the heart of the first animal you meet in the forest...

I go, most





What a strange animal!...And what's it carrying in its mouth? A quiver! That's funny...I must try to catch it alive...





See, O witch-doctor. This cloth belongs to the old bearded one, and the quiver also. Perhaps the old bearded one is in danger?



You mind your own business!...Give me the animal and go! ... I shall kill the creature and take out its heart; this I



And if you breathe one word of all this, I shall call down the Spirits upon you and your family ... and you will all be changed into froas!



No danger now: he won't gossip... But he's right. The old bearded one may be in trouble. All the better! Let's hope he dies! Then I shall regain my power over the Arumbayas Now, before I kill the animal I must burn



Great Spirits of the forest, we bring thee a sacrifice of these



Stop, O chief of the Rumbabas! The Spirits of the forest do not accept your sacrifice!



These two strangers are friends of the forest. You will set them free V-v-ver well



Magic ?... Didn't you realise it was me speaking ?... I'm a ventriloquist ... Ventriloquism, I'd have you know my young friend, is my pet hobby.



Brother Arumbayas, you are about to witness a remarkable phenomenon.



We will take out this animal's heart and give it, still beating, to our sick brother ...

























I should never have

But to come back to the fetien. The elders of the tribe still remember about the Walker expedition. It's quite a tale. They know that a fetish was offered as a token of friendship to Walker during his awy with the tribe. But as soon as the explorers had left ...



The Arumbayas discovered that a sacred stone had disappeared. It seems that the stone gave protection from snake-thie to anyone who bered a half-caste named Lopez, the explorers indepretely, the explorers indepretely, who was often seen proving around the hut where the magic stone was kept under



The Arumbayas were furious. They set off in pursuit of the expedition, caught up with them, and massacred almost all the party... Walker himself managed to escape, carrying the fetish. As for the half-caste, although badly wounded, he too got away. The stone, probably a diamond, was

The stone, probably a diamon never recovered ... That's how the story goes .



Now I understand...The whole thing makes sense! Listen!...The halfcaste steals the stone, and to avoid suspicion he conceals it in the fetish. He thinks he'll beable toget it back later on ...



But the Arumbayas attack the expedition and Lopez is wounded. He has to flee without the diamond. And that's it!... The diamond is still in its hidding-place, and that's why Tortilla, and after him his two killers, tried to stead the fetish.



So now all I have to do 1s find the fetish ... and return to Europe!



Some days Later...

Meanwhile ...











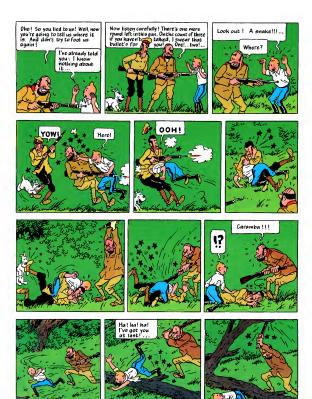
you know the 'Wilede Lyon' had been completely destroyed by fire... burnt out! Really?

Let's start talking!... Did

Yes, really! And the fetish you left in your trunk has been destroyed!...Burnt!... All because of you...Youare going to pay dearly, my friend!

No! I told you...The real fetish wasn't aboard ...







Good!... Now they're safely taken care of, let's see what he's got in his wallet.







In the ship, on our way to Europe. Tertilla dropped it. But we didn't know what it weemen. Tortilla was just a flow passes of the ship was to the ship was to the paper when we read about the fittish being stolen from the museum. Then we decided we'd try to get the fettish away from Tortilla.

Excellent!...Now, the only thing we don't know is how Tortilla got hold of this note. But since he's dead, I don't sup pose we'll ever discover that!...So now, gentlemen, let's get moving!

































A whole week! Oh well





... the news... A ceasefire has been arranged between the forces of San Theodoros and Nuevo-Rico. It is believed that a peace treaty will be signed in the near future.











Think of the thousands of miles 1've travelled to find this thing!





!?!...There's no mistake... They've both got a broken ear! ...I can't believe it...It's





Good working. Would you be kind enough to tell we who brought you those two Petrishes?

A bit of a struggle, but at last I've got the address...Mr. Balthazar, 32 Lamb's Lane...That isn't very far. We'll go straight there.





































But if you really want to catch her, maybe you could hitch a ride from the air base over there ... It's not far







... catch the 'Washington'eh?
... Himm...maybe...We happen
to have a plane going out to
her... to deliver
some
mail ...

























Leesten, Alonso...We cannot stay here any longer. Ees too reesky. Someone might come. We take thees fitish to our cabin, then we take our time to look...







I need to speak to one of your access more of your access more of the control of













































Mr. Goldbarr?...I'm terribly sorry your fetish has been damaged. I can explain everything if you'll



... I think you should know that your fetish is stolen property. Stolen ?! ...But



Yes, I know where you bought It, and I'm sure the man who sold it to you acted in



If that's the case, I wouldn't consider keeping the fetish for a moment longer. If you're going back on shore, you're going dack on snore, can I ask you to take it and restore It to the museum where it belongs! I'd be greatly obliged!









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